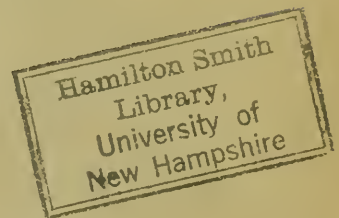


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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
Town of Madbury
NEW HAMPSHIRE

1920



ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
Selectmen, Treasurer
AND
School Board
OF THE
TOWN OF MADBURY
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING
January 31, 1921

DOVER, N. H. :
JEROME B. PAGE, PRINTER
1921

Town Officers for 1920

Moderator,

Frank E. Tibbetts

Town Clerk,

John Demeritt

Selectmen,

Edward L. Young

George I. Pratt

Arthur W. Simpson

Treasurer,

William H. Knox

Collector of Taxes,

Albert D. Emerson

Auditors,

Henry L. Felker

Frank E. Tibbetts

School Board,

Lewis H. Young,

Jennie M. Demeritt

John H. Rowe,

John Demeritt, *Treas.*

Board of Health,

Frank J. Bemis

Inventory of the Town of Madbury

Real Estate :

| | | |
|---|------|--------------|
| No. of acres, | 7714 | \$228,045 41 |
| Horses, | 107 | 12,065 00 |
| Oxen, | 20 | 1,920 00 |
| Cows, | 174 | 11,830 00 |
| Other neat stock | 77 | 3,345 00 |
| Sheep, | 87 | 922 00 |
| Fowls, | 1026 | 1,538 00 |
| Portable Mills, | 1 | 250 00 |
| Wood and Lumber, | | 6,350 00 |
| Stock in national banks in this state, ... | | 3,200 00 |
| Money on hand or on deposit, | | 2,830 00 |
| Other taxable property including stock in trade, | | 1,400 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$273,695 41 |
| Soldiers exemptions, | | 2,150 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Total valuation for taxation, | | \$271,545 41 |
| School tax exemption, | | \$90 39 |
| Amount of taxes committed to the tax collector for col- lection, including poll taxes, | | 6,635 14 |
| Rate of taxation for all purposes \$2.30 per \$100. valuation. | | |
| No. of taxable polls, | | 98 |

Treasurer's Account, 1920

Current Operation and Maintenance Expenses.

General Government:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Town officer's salaries | \$234 00 |
| 2. Town officer's expenses .. | 28 08 |
| 3. Town hall expenses | 37 15 |
| 4. Election Expenses | 51 50 |

Health and Sanitation :

| | |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 5. Health department | 21 36 |
| 6. Vital statistics | 1 50 |

Highways and bridges:

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 7. State aid maintenance ... | 108 93 |
| 8. Trunkline Construction .. | 1,008 34 |
| 9. Town maintenance (Sum.) | 1,059 31 |
| " (winter) | 1,060 66 |
| 10. Trunk line maintenance.. | 264 77 |

Unclassified:

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| 11. Printing Town Reports .. | 104 00 |
|------------------------------|--------|

New Construction and Improvements:

| | |
|--|--|
| 12. State aid construction of highways and bridges | |
|--|--|

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| 13. To state | 1,311 00 |
| 14. To county | 726 10 |
| 15. To school district | 3,236 60 |

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

DETAIL 1. *Town Officers' Salaries:*

| | |
|---|----------|
| Edward L. Young, selectman (chairman) | \$45 00 |
| George I. Pratt, selectman, | 25 00 |
| Arthur W. Simpson, selectman . | 25 00 |
| John Demeritt, town clerk | 16 00 |
| Wm. H. Knox, town treasurer . | 15 00 |
| George I. Pratt, dog constable . | 8 00 |
| Albert D. Emerson, collector of taxes..... | 40 00 |
| Frank E. Tibbetts, auditor | 2 00 |
| Henry L. Felker, auditor | 2 00 |
| Edward L. Young, with Tax Commissioner at Dover | 3 00 |
| George I. Pratt, with tax Com- missioner at Dover | 3 00 |
| Arthur W. Simpson, with tax Commissioner at Dover.... | 3 00 |
| Edward L. Young, Peramb'ing | 5 00 |
| Arthur W. Simpson, " | 5 00 |
| Frank E. Tibbetts, Moderator for 1919 and 1920..... | 15 00 |
| Frank E. Tibbetts, Janitor..... | 10 00 |
| John Demeritt, Auto Permit ... | 10 00 |
| Edward L. Young, locating ... electric-light poles | 2 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$234 00 |

DETAIL 2. *Town Officer's Expenses:*

| | | |
|---|--------|---------|
| Edward H. Quimby, ink and and paper for Town Clerk . | \$1 75 | |
| E. C. Eastman, collector's book | 2 05 | |
| E. L. Young, tel. to Nashua . . . | .75 | |
| E. L. Young, fr'ght on Culverts | 2 32 | |
| Stamped envelopes, | 11 16 | |
| E. L. Young, statn'ry and post. | 2 50 | |
| A. D. Emerson, " " " | 5 05 | |
| Treasurer's Book | 2 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$28 08 |

DETAIL 3. *Town Hall Expenses:*

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Election Booth Lamps | 2 65 | |
| Election Booths | 34 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$37 15 |

DETAIL 4. *Election Expenses:*

| | | |
|---|-------|---------|
| Thomas Brown, election officer | 4 00 | |
| Martin T. H. Hayes, elec. officer | 4 00 | |
| Harold H. Hayes, elec. officer . . | 4 00 | |
| Albert D. Emerson elec. officer . | 4 00 | |
| Willis W. Hoitt, elec. officer . . . | 4 00 | |
| George MacGunnigle, Super- visor | 10 50 | |
| Roscoe H. Simpson, Supervisor | 10 50 | |
| John H. Rowe, Supervisor | 10 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$51 50 |

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

DETAIL 5. *Forest Fires:*

There were no forest fires in 1920.

WILLIAM H. KNOX,

Forest Fire Warden

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DETAIL 6. *Health and Sanitation:*

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Frank J. Bemis, trip to Concord | \$12 86 | |
| Frank J. Bemis, fumigating . . . | 5 50 | |
| Frank J. Bemis, vaccinating . . . | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$21 36 |

DETAIL 7. *Vital Statistics:*

| | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| A. E. Grant, M. D., reporting . | |
| births, and deaths | 1 50 |

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

DETAIL 8. *State Aid Maintenance:*

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Arthur Guptill, man 5½ days \$3. | 16 50 | |
| E. J. York, lumber | 4 99 | |
| E. M. Felker, gravel | 5 30 | |
| | <hr/> | \$26 79 |

Depot Road

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------|
| March 30, paid J. H. Daily, D. T. | | |
| and man | 32 90 | \$32 90 |

October 13.

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Paid J. H. Dailey, D. T. 2 days | | |
| at \$8 00..... | \$16 00 | |
| Charles Kingman, D. T. 1 day \$8 | 8 00 | |
| James Dailey, Jr., man 3 days \$4 | 12 00 | |
| Spikes..... | 29 | |
| Post..... | 25 | |
| James Cole, man, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at \$4 00 | 2 00 | |
| | | \$38 54 |

October 30.

| | | |
|---|------|----------|
| Jame Daily, D. T. 1 day \$8.... | 8 00 | |
| James Daily, Jr., man $\frac{1}{2}$ day \$4 | 2 00 | |
| Seven loads gravel | 70 | |
| | | \$10 70 |
| | | \$108 93 |

DETAIL 11. *Trunk Line Maintenance :*

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Apr. 17, H. Tuttle, D. T. 1 day | | |
| at \$7.00 | \$7 00 | \$7 00 |
| Apr. 24, E. A. Adams, D. T. | | |
| 2 days at \$6 | 12 00 | |
| Apr. 24, James B. Cole, man | | |
| 2 days at \$4 00..... | 8 00 | |
| Apr. 24, James B. Cole, teaming | 2 00 | |
| Apr. 24, E. A. Adams, man | | |
| 4 hrs. at \$0.40 | 1 60 | \$23 60 |
| July 3, E. J. York, lumber | 13 37 | |
| July 3, E. A. Adams, D. T., 7 | | |
| days at \$7 50..... | 52 50 | |
| July 3, James E. Cole, man, 7 | | |
| days at \$4 00..... | 28 00 | |

| | | |
|--|---------|-----------|
| E. S. Colprit, 36 loads of gravel at \$0 15. | \$ 5 40 | \$99 27 |
| Oct. 9, E. S. Colprit, D. T. 33 hrs. at \$0 90 | 29 70 | |
| Oct. 9, Eben Blaisdell, man 27 hrs. at \$0 40 | 10 80 | |
| Oct. 9, John Doe, man 5 hrs. at \$0 40 | 2 00 | |
| Oct. 9, E. S. Colprit, 4 loads gravel at \$0 15 | 0 60 | 43 10 |
| State | | |
| Nov. 20, William Haley, man 6 days at \$5 40 | 32 40 | |
| Nov. 20, Bernard Brennan, man 6 days at \$5 40 | 32 40 | |
| Nov. 20, Charles Renaldi, man 5 days at \$5 40 | 27 00 | \$91 80 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$ 264 77 |

DETAIL 9. *Trunk Line Construction :*

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Paid State for construction to 1920 | 996 34 | |
| Arthur Guptill, man | 12 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,008 34 |

DETAIL 10. *Town Highway Maintenance :*

District No. 1.

| | Winter | Summer |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| A. W. Simpson, D. T. | \$22 64 | \$24 00 |
| J. H. Dailey, D. T. | | 6 75 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$22 64 | \$30 75 |

District No 2

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| A. W. Simpson, man | \$ 9 00 | |
| E. J. York, lumber | 43 81 | |
| E. S. Colprit, man, gravel | 52 65 | |
| Horace W. Jenkins, D. T. and man..... | 32 96 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$32 96 | \$105 46 |

District No. 3

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| E. A. Adams, D. T. | 16 95 |
| Eugene Levasseur, man..... | 6 25 |
| James Cole, man..... | 15 00 |
| Levi Hammel, man | 12 09 |
| E. S. Colprit, D. T. | 20 75 |
| William Levasseur, man..... | 2 09 |
| William Levasseur, man..... | 4 25 |
| E. S. Colprit, man | 9 50 |
| Levi Hammel, man..... | 21 50 |
| E. A. Adams, D. T..... | 13 40 |
| James Demeritt, man | 6 00 |
| Eugene Levasseur, man..... | 14 25 |
| James B. Cole, man | 18 00 |
| George B. Clark, man | 10 85 |
| Gardner Gerrish, man..... | 12 95 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$183 83 |

District No. 4

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Arthur Guptill, man 4-6 | 17 36 | |
| James H. Dailey, D. T..... | | 39 80 |

District No. 5

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| E. J. York, lumber, Pendexter | | |
| Bridge | | \$22 95 |
| Mary S. Pendexter, gravel | | 1 80 |
| H. E. Canney, D. T. | \$12 61 | 15 89 |
| E. L. Canney, D. T. | 57 15 | 26 25 |
| H. E. Canney, D. T. | | 12 00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$69 76 | \$78 89 |

District No. 6

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|
| S. C. Rowe, man..... | 10 36 | |
| W. C. Clark, man..... | 3 64 | |
| Arthur Gupstill, man..... | 11 44 | |
| Charles T. Norman, man..... | 2 50 | 1 68 |
| George I. Pratt, man.... | 3 36 | |
| S. C. Rowe, man | 4 00 | |
| John Demerritt, man..... | 6 20 | |
| S. C. Rowe, man. | | 4 80 |
| Charles Kingman, D. T..... | | 54 00 |
| James H. Daily, D. T..... | | 79 50 |
| A. H. Proctor, man | 7 22 | |
| Elmer L. Canney. D. T. | | 9 50 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$48 72 | \$149 48 |

District No. 7

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Fred E. Gerrish, man | 15 00 |
| Nahum Baxter, | 1 12 |
| Fred L. Richardson, man..... | 3 08 |
| Arthur Gupstill, man 4-6-7..... | 31 92 |
| Walter Hanscom, man..... | 4 20 |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------|
| Herbert Tyler, man..... | 4 20 | |
| Charles Tyler, man..... | 1 80 | |
| Levi Capen, man..... | 4 20 | |
| Fred Davis, man..... | 2 40 | |
| Horace Tyler, man..... | 4 20 | |
| Harry R. Hill, D. T. | 23 50 | |
| James H. Daily, D. T..... | 118 17 | |
| Philip Sawyer, man | 1 40 | |
| Herbert Milbury, man..... | | 7 00 |
| James H. Daily, D. T..... | | 18 00 |
| Geo. McGunnigle, man.. | 22 40 | |
| S. C. Rowe, man..... | | 11 20 |
| James H. Dailey, D. T..... | | 31 05 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$237 59 | \$67 25 |

District No. 8

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| John A. Randell, D. T. | 10 22 | 38 70 |
| S. C. Rowe, man | | 10 40 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$10 22 | \$49 10 |

District No. 9

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| A. D. Emerson, D. T. | 37 30 | 37 55 |
| G. W. Pinkham, D. T..... | 11 77 | 8 62 |
| Earl Bennett, man..... | 3 08 | |
| G. W. Pinkham, D. T..... | 5 52 | |
| Harry A. Locke, man | 3 08 | 0 56 |
| Nahum Baxter, man | | 6 75 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$60 75 | \$53 48 |

District No. 10

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Austin Hopey, man | 17 88 | 7 60 |
| Walter Hopey, man | 10 64 | 15 75 |
| G. S. Drew, man... .. | 1 40 | 2 00 |
| Frank H. Drew, man..... | 5 80 | 21 00 |
| Benj. Drew, man | | 5 20 |
| Herbert L. Drew, man | | 6 00 |
| Nahum Baxter, man | 7 00 | 1 12 |
| J. H. Seavey, hardware, bridge | | 17 42 |
| Frank H. Drew, man, bridge.. | | 8 60 |
| C. L. Jenness, nuts, bridge.... | | 1 89 |
| Scott W. Caswell, iron, bridge. | | 13 70 |
| E. J. York, lumber, bridge.... | | 31 36 |
| A. W. Simpson, lumber, bridge | | 40 00 |
| William T. Fernald, man | | 39 00 |
| Nahum Baxter, | 9 52 | |
| George P. Nute, man | 5 60 | 2 17 |
| G. S. Drew, man... .. | 11 48 | 1 68 |
| A. L. and W. T. Fernald, D. T. | 55 22 | |
| Carleton Baxter, man | 29 40 | |
| W. T. Fernald, man..... | 5 60 | 12 00 |
| Nahum Baxter, man | | 10 00 |
| Nahum Baxter, bridge | | 5 60 |
| | <hr/> 159 54 | <hr/> 242 09 |

District No. 11

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Charles G. Saunders, man | | 1 60 |
| George O. Hayes, man | | 12 25 |
| Frank W. Sanders, D. T..... | 64 84 | |
| Charles Woodus, man | 6 41 | |
| | <hr/> 71 25 | <hr/> 13 85 |

District No. 12

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Edward L. Young, man, bridge | 5 38 | 8 40 |
| Edward L. Young, man, bridge | 7 54 | 11 74 |
| Thomas Brown, man, bridge... | 1 60 | 8 80 |
| North East Metal Culvert Co. Culvert..... | | 59 68 |
| D. S. Chesley, man | | 13 20 |
| Henry L. Felker, D. T. | 16 52 | |
| John Norman, man | 5 00 | |
| Tom and Arthur Brown, man.. | 23 75 | |
| D. S. Chesley, and Hall, man.. | 7 00 | |
| Joseph Cole, D. T. | 35 00 | |
| John Hanscom, D. T. | 31 25 | |
| E. J. York, lumber. bridge | | 52 85 |
| Lewis H. Young, bridge, | | 13 91 |
| Lewis H. Young, bridge | | 9 02 |
| Henry L. Felker, D. T..... | | 28 00 |
| Henry L. Felker, bridge. | | 10 30 |
| Joseph Cole, D. T. | | 2 00 |
| John Hanson, gravel | | 1 80 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$133 04 | \$219 70 |

District No. 13

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Harold Hayes..... | 9 20 | 5 75 |
| Michael Harrington, | 3 80 | 3 71 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 13 00 | 9 46 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$1060 66 | \$1059 31 |

DETAIL 12

| | |
|--|----------|
| Paid Printing town report, year 1919..... | \$104 00 |
|--|----------|

DETAIL 13:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Paid Merchant's National Bank . . | | |
| Note | 800 00 | |
| Interest | 13 60 | |
| | <hr/> | \$813 60 |

DETAIL 18. *Payments to Other Governmental Divisions :*

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Paid State tax | 1005 00 | |
| Paid special tax..... | 134 00 | |
| Paid special tax Soldier's Bonus.. | 172 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1311 00 |

DETAIL 19.

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Paid County tax | \$726 10 |
|---------------------------|----------|

DETAIL 20.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Paid School District | \$3236 60 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|

STATEMENT OF JOINT FUNDS

State Aid Road

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| State contributed, balance | 241 20 | |
| Town contributed, balance..... | 402 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$643 20 |
| Unexpended | | \$643 20 |

State Aid Maintenance

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|----------|
| State contributed | 329 10 | |
| Town contributed..... | 264 57 | |
| | <hr/> | \$593 67 |

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Town disbursement | \$108 93 | |
| State distributed..... | 12 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$120 93 |
| Balance | | 471 74 |
| Town Treasury | \$235 87 | |
| State Treasury..... | 235 87 | |
| | <hr/> | \$471 74 |

Federal Aid Road

| | State | Town | Federal | |
|---------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 1919 Balance | \$842 61 | \$575 64 | | |
| Appropriation | 1404 40 | 420 70 | \$3664 04 | |
| | 420 70 | | | |
| | 754 04 | | | |
| | 60 | | | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | |
| | \$ 3422 25 | \$996 34 | \$3664 04 | \$7,328 09 |
| 1920 Appro'n | 3500 00 | 1500 00 | 5000 00 | 10,000 00 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| Total | | | | \$17,328 09 |

Paid 1919.

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| Engineering | \$ 107 82 | |
| Auto | 3 60 | |
| Labor | 3085 29 | |
| Gravel..... | 63 00 | |
| Culverts | 162 64 | \$ 3422 35 |

Paid 1920.

| | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Trucks | \$1837 64 | |
| Engineering .. | 61 24 | |
| Labor ... | 6352 3 | |
| Gravel | 50 00 | \$8301 21 |

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|------------|
| Engineering | \$ 38 42 | |
| Labor | 8568 91 | |
| Trucks | 1636 88 | |
| Oil | 903 10 | |
| Coal | 298 01 | |
| Damage | 183 60 | |
| Use of roller | 416 00 | \$12044 92 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Expenditures | | \$23768 48 |
| Receipts | | 17328 04 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Overdraft | | \$ 6440 39 |

Trunk Line Maintenance.

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| State Contribution | \$470 51 | |
| Town Contributed | 266 67 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$737 18 |
| State Expended | \$468 24 | |
| Town Expended | 264 77 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$733 01 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance | | \$4 17 |
| State | \$2 27 | |
| Town | 1 90 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$4 17 |

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Cash on hand..... | \$ 670 61 |
| State, County, Town and School taxes for 1919 | 444 76 |
| State, County, town and School taxes for 1920 | 6110 17 |
| State Treas. (State Aid Main- tenance) | 159 46 |
| State Treas., Savings Bank Tax | 725 32 |
| State Treas., Railroad Tax | 700 32 |
| Dog licenses from Town Clerk. | 74 40 |
| Town of Lee, use of roller..... | 1 00 |
| Town of Durham, use of roller | 10 00 |
| Town of Durham, part of ex- pense on bridge..... | 26 41 |
| Strafford Savings Bank interest on Literary Fund | 10 63 |
| Merchant's National Bank Loan | 776 00 |
| Merchant's National Bank Loan | 1000 00 |
| Town Clerk, automobile permits | 141 64 |
| Rent of Hall..... | 2 00 |
| | ————— \$10,852 72 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Detail 1. Town Officers Salaries.. | \$234 00 |
| Detail 2. Town Officers Expenses | 28 08 |

| | | |
|------------|--|-------------------|
| Detail 3. | Town Hall Expenses... | \$ 37 15 |
| Detail 4. | Election Expenses | 51 50 |
| Detail 6. | Health Department | 21 36 |
| Detail 7. | Vital Statistics..... | 1 50 |
| Detail 8. | State Aid Road Maintenance..... | 108 93 |
| Detail 9. | Trunk Line Road Construction..... | 1008 34 |
| Detail 10. | Town Road Maintenance | |
| | Summer | 1059 31 |
| | Winter | 1060 66 |
| Detail 11. | Trunk Line Road Maintenance | 264 77 |
| Detail 12. | Printing Town Reports for 1919 | 104 00 |
| Detail 13. | Merchant's Nat'nl Bank Loan and interest | 813 60 |
| Detail 18. | State tax | 1311 00 |
| Detail 19. | County Tax..... | 726 10 |
| Detail 20. | Schools..... | 3236 60 |
| | School Treasurer Literary Fund, int. | 10 63 |
| | School Treasurer Dog Licenses..... | 66 40 |
| | Cash on hand..... | 708 79 |
| | | ————— \$10,852 72 |

WILLIAM H. KNOX,

Treasurer

EDWARD L. YOUNG,
GEORGE I. PRATT,
ARTHUR W. SIMPSON,

Selectmen of Madbury

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer and found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK E. TIBBETTS,
HENRY L. FELKER,

Auditors

Statement of Financial Condition of the Town January 31, 1921

| | | |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| State, county, town, school and road taxes assessed for the year 1920 | | \$6,635 14 |
| State, county, town, school and taxes, collected for 1920... | \$6110 17 | |
| State, county, town, school and road taxes abated for 1920 | 36 90 | |
| State, county, town, school, and road taxes outstanding for 1919 | 488 07 | |
| | | <hr/> \$6,635 14 |

Dog Licenses

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| From Town Clerk | \$74 40 |
|-----------------------|---------|

School Money, 1921

| | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------------|
| Raised by vote | \$3,554 02 | |
| Dog licenses | 74 40 | |
| | | <hr/> \$3,628 42 |

Less

| | | |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| Overpaid, 1920 | \$ 177 42 | |
| Dog licences | 74 40 | |
| Paid John Demerritt, school treasurer | 3,236 60 | |
| | | <hr/> \$3,488 42 |
| Due schools, year ending Aug- ust 31, 1921 | | \$140 00 |

Abatements, 1920, Albert W. Emerson List

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Edwin MacIntosh, | \$5 00 | |
| Alphonso Norman..... | 3 00 | |
| John Thompson..... | 5 00 | |
| Peter Regis..... | 5 00 | |
| Joseph A. Boyd..... | 5 00 | |
| Geo. M. Wentworth..... | 5 00 | |
| Harry S. Clark..... | 2 00 | |
| Mary Tallant | 6 90 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$36 90 |

Abatement, 1919

| | | |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Clarence Kay | \$3 00 | \$3 00 |
|--------------------|--------|--------|

*Abatements of School Money, High School Tuition,**Salaries, Supplies, Etc., 1920*

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| George O. Hayes..... | \$39 30 | |
| Martin T. Hayes | 2 62 | |
| Arthur W. Simpson | 48 47 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$90 39 |

Due the Town

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| A. D. Emerson, list of 1920.... | \$488 07 | |
| Cash on hand..... | 704 39 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,192 46 |

Due From the Town

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| State Aid Maintenance | \$ 235 87 | |
| Trunk Line Maintenance | 1 90 | |
| Federal Aid Maintenance 1920 . | 500 00 | |
| Merchant's National Bank Loan | 1,000 00 | |
| Schools..... | 140 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,877 77 |

WILLIAM H. KNOX,

Treasurer.

Town Budget for the Year 1921

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

| | | |
|--|----------|------------|
| Railroad Tax..... | \$700 00 | |
| Savings Bank Tax | 750 00 | |
| State Aid Maintenance | 235 87 | |
| Trunk Line Maintenance | 1 90 | |
| Trunk Line Construction | 500 00 | |
| Automobile permits | 125 00 | |
| Cash on hand January 31, 1921. | 668 44 | |
| Outstanding taxes, January 31, 1921 | 491 07 | |
| Amount to be raised by taxation | 6,698 32 | |
| | | \$10170 60 |

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Town Officer's Salaries | \$225 00 |
| Town Officer's Expenses | 40 00 |
| Election and Registration..... | 25 00 |
| Town Hall Expenses | 25 00 |
| Forest Fires | 50 00 |
| Health Department | 25 00 |
| Vital Statistics..... | 3 00 |

State Aid Maintenance

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount due from town..... | \$235 87 | |
| Amount called for 1921 | 50 00 | |
| | | \$285 87 |

Trunk Line Maintenance

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Amount due from town..... | \$ 1 90 | |
| Amount called for 1921..... | 533 33 | |
| | <hr/> | \$535 23 |
| State Aid Construction | | \$406 50 |

Trunk Line Construction

| | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|
| Amount due from town 1920 ... | \$500 00 | |
| Amount due from town 1921 .. | 500 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,000 00 |
| Town highways, 1-4 of 1 percent of Inventory | | \$ 675 00 |
| Extra for breaking roads | | 300 00 |
| Road bills outstanding..... | | 50 00 |
| Note, Merchant's Bank..... | | 1,000 00 |
| Interest | | 100 00 |
| State Tax..... | | 1,500 00 |
| County Tax..... | | 725 00 |
| School..... | | 3,200 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$10,170 60 |
| Estimated assessed valuation for ensu- ing year | \$260,000 00 | |
| Tax rate per \$100 00 valuation..... | | \$2 58 |

Financial Report of School Board and Treasurer for the Year Ending February 10, 1921

RECEIPTS

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Cash in treasury, Feb. 9, 1920..... | \$ 276 81 |
| Received from Town Treasurer, March 22. | 100 00 |
| Received from town of Barrington,..... | |
| Tuition | 21 00 |
| Received from State Treasurer | 403 53 |
| Received from town treasurer..... | 200 00 |
| Received from town treasurer..... | 154 60 |
| Received from town treasurer..... | 300 00 |
| Received from town treasurer..... | 100 00 |
| September, received from town treasurer special repair fund | 400 00 |
| Oct. 7, received from town treasurer, spec- ial repair fund | 600 00 |
| Oct. 7, received from town treasurer..... | 300 00 |
| Nov. 20, received from town of Durham, tuition..... | 74 00 |
| Dec. 4, received from town treasurer..... | 200 00 |
| Jan. 1, received from town treasurer..... | 132 00 |
| Jan. 1, received from town treasurer..... | 300 00 |
| Jan. 27, received from town treasurer.... | 200 00 |
| Feb. 9, received from town treasurer | 250 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 4,011 94 |

Feb. 12, interest on Literary Fund \$10 63

\$ 4,022 57

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|----------|
| Paid Frances Cogswell, teaching 4 weeks to Feb. 13 | \$ 68 00 |
| Paid John C. Winston Co., school books | 4 94 |
| Paid J. O. Willman, $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. ventil- ating screens at \$6 65 | 3 33 |
| Paid Little, Brown & Co., school books as per bill | 2 48 |
| Paid Benj. Sanborn Co., school books as per bill | 1 87 |
| Paid Edward E. Babb & Co., 6 gr. crayons | 2 22 |
| Paid C. L. Jenness, paint and var- nish as per bill | 10 75 |
| Paid E. Morrill Furniture Co., sup- plies | 13 25 |
| Paid J. E. Wignot, tuition High School \$129 50 and tuition of 6th grade Grammar \$10 . | 139 50 |
| Paid John Rossi, janitor, winter term 1920, 11 wks. at \$2 00 per week | 22 00 |
| Paid Minnie A. Bailey, teaching 7 weeks to March 26, 1920... | 126 00 |
| Paid F. J. Pinkham, for transpor- tation of school children... | 80 00 |

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|--|----------|
| Paid Edson C. Eastman, for two cash books, 1000 treasurers receipts..... | \$ 17 75 |
| Paid Edward E. Babb & Co., school supplies..... | 42 28 |
| Paid Francis D. Cogswell, teaching 4 weeks to April 10.... | 68 00 |
| Paid Minnie A. Bailey, teaching one week and janitor for 3 weeks Fall term 1919..... | 24 00 |
| Paid Frank J. Pinkham, transportation of school children March 15 to April 10 | 80 00 |
| Paid Arthur L. Fernald, for 1 cord pine wood at \$6 00, 1 cord hard wood at \$5 00 | 11 00 |
| Paid Frances Cogswell, teaching 4 weeks to May 8, 1920.... | 68 00 |
| Paid Frank J. Pinkham for transporting school children 4 weeks to May 7 | 80 00 |
| Paid J. E. Wignot, tuition Dover Schools, High School, \$99 00 Grammar School, \$9 00 | 108 00 |
| Paid Marjorie Willand, teaching 6 weeks | 90 00 |
| Paid Frances Cogswell, teaching 4 weeks to June 5 | 73 00 |
| Paid Marjorie Willand teaching 3 weeks to June 18..... | 45 00 |
| Paid Frank J. Pinkham, transporting children to June 5, 1920 | 80 00 |

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| Paid Frances Cogswell, teaching Summer term, 5 weeks to July 9 | \$ 90 00 |
| Paid John Rossi, janitor, term ending June 18 | 10 00 |
| Paid Frank J. Pinkham, trans- portation of school children to July 9, 5 weeks | 100 00 |
| Paid School district of Dover for school supplies | 5 10 |
| Paid J. Herbert Seavey, supplies as per bill | 3 93 |
| Paid Littlefield Frary Co., janitor supplies, Center School | 1 87 |
| Paid L. H. Young, janitor supplies and postage | 10 80 |
| Paid J. L. Hammet Co., school supplies | 2 56 |
| Paid P. H. Burrows, for clerical assistance to district Supt. and filing cabinet | 21 73 |
| Paid Frances D. Cogswell, teach- ing to Oct. 1, (1 month) ... | 75 00 |
| Paid George W. Pinkham, trans- porting school children, 4 weeks to Oct. 2 | 80 00 |
| Paid George I. Pratt, for altera- tion of Center School House, labor as per bill | 347 30 |
| Paid Marion E. Green, 1 month salary, to Oct. 8, \$80 00, 1 week board, \$7 00 | 87 00 |

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| Paid C. L. Jenness, paint, hardware, for remodelling Center school house..... | \$ 34 97 |
| Paid J. Herbert Seavey, hardware remodelling Center school house | 30 86 |
| Paid E. J. York, lumber for remodelling Center school house | 215 43 |
| Paid D. Foss & Son, windows, frames and 150 ft. of stock for Center School House... | 51 65 |
| Paid John H. Rowe, express on black boards for Center school house | 2 27 |
| Paid Lee R. Bobkirk, freight on tanks for brick school house | 3 69 |
| Paid J. O. Wellman, expense of administration and school supplies | 4 61 |
| Paid A. J. Libbey, 1 broom | 1 25 |
| Paid J. L. Hammett Co., school supplies | 5 81 |
| Paid D. C. Heath & Co., text books | 3 83 |
| Paid C. H. Williams & Sons, school supplies | 3 23 |
| Paid Edward E. Babb & Co. school supplies | 5 90 |
| Paid Frances D. Cogswell, salary for October | 75 00 |
| Paid George W. Pinkham, transportation of school children | 80 00 |

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| Paid J. L. Hammet Co., scholars supplies, \$26 08, other ex- penses of instruction \$3 98. | \$ 30 06 |
| Paid J. L. Hammett Co., school supplies | 1 75 |
| Paid Edward E. Babb & Co., for school supplies..... | 37 33 |
| Paid Littlefield Frary Co., stove pipe and vent cap for Center School House | 3 73 |
| Paid George W. Pinkham, trans- portation of school children | 80 00 |
| Paid Ethel M. Hurd, 4 wks. salary Center School..... | 72 00 |
| Paid Frances D. Cogswell, salary for November..... | 75 00 |
| Paid Edward H. Quimby, scholars supplies | 2 40 |
| Paid J. E. Wignot, High School tuition 5 pupils at \$20, \$100. 1 pupil at \$11 | 111 00 |
| Paid Pauline E. Hurd, substituting teacher Center School four weeks | 52 00 |
| Paid Charles A. Tibbetts, building fires 2 weeks Center School | 4 00 |
| Paid J. W. Plummer, State treas. Account of enrollment tax for 1920 | 132 00 |
| Paid Ryan & Bunker, Community maps of Strafford County.. | 2 50 |
| Paid F. H. Pinkham, printing.... | 2 10 |
| Paid Milton Bradley Co..... | 1 37 |

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|---|-----------|
| Paid Kenney Bros. and Watkins, School supplies, tanks and chemicals for same..... | \$ 171 59 |
| Paid Shaw Walker Co., supplies | 0 79 |
| Paid Milton Bradley Co., supplies | 1 60 |
| Paid Masury Young Co., supplies | 4 25 |
| Paid American Book Co., school books | 4 50 |
| Paid Ginn & Co., school books ... | 7 89 |
| Paid Ethel Hurd, 4 weeks. to Dec- ember 24, 1920..... | 80 00 |
| Paid George W. Pinkham, trans- portation of school children | 60 00 |
| Paid Littlefield & Frary Co., 1 oil stove, cover for stove | 13 20 |
| Paid Frances Cogswell, salary for Dec. 1920..... | 75 00 |
| Paid Charles A. Tibbetts, building fires..... | 3 00 |
| Paid Paul Proctor, building fires . | 3 00 |
| Paid Boston & Maine R. R. freight on heater..... | 4 15 |
| Paid A. J. Libbey, supplies..... | 7 76 |
| Paid Lewis H. Young, school cen- sus..... | 10 00 |
| Paid Lewis H. Young, salary as member of school board ... | 15 00 |
| Paid L. H. Young, tel. janitor ser- vice, am't paid out, also fuel | 41 10 |
| Paid F. J. Bemis, looking up del- inquent children | 2 00 |
| Paid Jennie M. Demeritt, salary as member of school board | 15 00 |

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|--|----------|------------|
| Paid John H. Rowe, salary as member of school board ... | \$ 15 00 | |
| Paid John Demeritt, salary as treasurer | 10 00 | |
| Paid John Demeritt, salary as Dis- trict clerk | 5 00 | |
| Paid Frances D. Cogswell, salary for January, 1921 | 75 00 | |
| Paid Ethel Hurd, salary for Janu- ary, 1921 | 80 00 | |
| Paid George W. Pinkham, trans- portion of school children.. | 80 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$4,007 20 |

Financial Statement of School Board and Treasurer for the Year Ending February 10, 1921

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Cash in Treasury Feb. 9, 1920..... | \$ 276 81 |
| Received from town treasurer | 3,236 60 |
| Received from town of Barrington, town tuition | 21 00 |
| Received from town of Durham, tuition | 74 00 |
| Received from state treasurer..... | 403 53 |
| Interest on Literary Fund | 10 63 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|----------|
| Salary of school board | \$ 45 00 |
| Salary of school treasurer..... | 10 00 |
| Salary of district clerk | 5 00 |
| Salary of school teachers | 1,398 00 |
| Transportation of children..... | 800 00 |
| Tuition city of Dover..... | 358 50 |
| Labor and repairs on school house, district no. 2..... | 878 81 |

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| School books | \$ 43 26 |
| Fuel | 47 50 |
| Miscellaneous | 421 13 |
| Cash in treasury | 15 37 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$4,022 57 \$4,022 57 |

JOHN DEMERITT,
Treasurer School Board.

Madbury, N. H., Feb., 1921.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HENRY L. FELKER,
FRANK J. BEMIS,

Auditors.

Budget for the Schools for the Year 1921

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| \$5 00 tax on \$260,000 inventory . | \$1,300 00 | |
| State Supervision | 130 00 | |
| Union District Assessment | 50 00 | |
| Salaries of District Officers | 75 00 | |
| Administration Expenses | 15 00 | |
| High School tuition | 275 00 | |
| Deficit Aug. 31, 1920 | 324 96 | |
| | \$2,169 96 | |
| Transportation 1920-21 not al- | | |
| lowed by the state board .. | \$500 00 | |
| Repairs on North school house | 500 00 | |
| | \$1,000 00 | |
| | | \$3,169 96 |

LEWIS H. YOUNG,
JENNIE M. DEMERITT,
JOHN H. ROWE,

School Board.

Report of the Superintendent

February 10, 1921.

To the Board of Education :

I take pleasure in submitting to you the annual report of the superintendent of schools. The hearty response of teachers in particular and of interested citizens in general to the appeals for cooperation in organizing our schools for effective training in citizenship, which the State Board of Education defines to be "The central aim in school instruction" is here gratefully acknowledged. The activity of the recently organized Parent-Teachers Association has accomplished much in providing for open discussion and in promoting a better cooperation between parents and school officials. The presence of interested visitors in the class room is frequently an incentive to pupils to do better work, and it is also an assurance to the teacher that her hard work is appreciated.

Our work has suffered fewer interruptions than was the case last year. Those that have occurred were the results of necessity rather than of option. School officials generally are coming to realize that the best way to celebrate the birthday of a national hero is by emphasizing his virtues and achievements in regular and special exercises in the class room.

TEACHERS.

Between 300,000 and 400,000 children were deprived of schooling last year as a result of the shortage of teachers, according to estimate made by P. P. Claxton, Federal Commissioner of Public Education. No relief for the situation is seen by the Commissioner. From 110,000 to 150,000 new teachers will be needed next year, but there will be only 30,000 prepared to fill vacancies, leaving a deficit of 80,000. This may be supplied in part by making the profession so attractive that thousands of excellent teachers, who left their positions because they did not receive a living wage, may be induced to spend their talents again in the cause of education. How else can the bulwarks of society be strengthened to withstand the insistent attacks of bolshevism, ignorance and vice? The forethought of the joint committee of the Supervisory Union in providing clerical assistance made it possible for the Superintendent to spend the greater part of his time in actual supervision and in developing educational plans. The arrangement during the present year of providing a substitute teacher and a clerk for the Union has proved to be beneficial. While only two districts have needed her teaching service thus far, this teacher has been able to give valuable aid in the exacting work of child accounting collection of data, and tabulating standardized test scores. She has already taught 13 days in Madbury and is available in case of an emergency, to substitute in any school in the Union.

Our present corps of teachers is very satisfactory, being interested in the moral as well as the intellectual development of the pupils in their charge, and in community uplift generally. We have been fortunate to re-

tain the services of these conscientious assistants at the salaries offered, especially since each one has declined offers for more lucrative positions involving salary increases of thirty and eighty per cent.

Following is the teaching roster for the current year :

| Name | Position | Training School | Graduation | Election |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|----------|
| Frances D. Cogswell | North School | Posse Normal | 1918 | 1919 |
| *Marion E. Green | Centre School | Keene Normal | | 1920 |
| Ethel M. Hurd | Centre School | Gordon Bible College | | 1920 |
| Pauline E. Hurd | Substitute | Mattanawcook Acad. | 1918 | 1920 |

*Withdrew Oct. 30, 1920.

In accordance with the generous vote of the District, the Center building has been repaired and remodeled to conform more nearly to the accepted standards of the school homes of our boys and girls. Owing to its construction being of brick the alteration of this building was a much more expensive and difficult problem than it would have been if it had been a frame structure. The particular task was to provide adequate light and heat as well as to remove the frontal and cross light menace. This has been done although the appropriation was insufficient to close up one front window and to provide hygienic desks. On the afternoon of Dec. 1, 1920, Deputy Commissioner M. S. Brooks inspected and approved this building as a standard school, excepting the seating arrangement. A community gathering in the town hall on Dec. 7 celebrated this approval with music and appropriate addresses by Mr. Brookes and your Superintendent.

It is to be hoped that the District will continue its plan for school house betterment by remedying many of the glaring deficits at the North School house.

NOON LUNCH

The health menace of cold dinners for the pupils who spend their noon hour in our schools has been alleviated at the Center School by the cooperation of teacher, pupils and parents. The lunches brought by the pupils from home are supplemented by a cup of hot cocoa, soup, chowder or some other easily digested substance. Thus is provided for each child warm, nourishing food which makes him a better pupil in the afternoon session ; and in some instances aids in the overcoming of malnutrition.

HEALTH SUPERVISION

In accordance with the beneficent provision of the new educational law all pupils receive the services of a medical inspector whose diagnosis of physical defects at least, relieved thoughtful parents and guardians of the bliss of ignorance. If the part time service of a district nurse could be secured to follow up the cases needing attention, the district would be more nearly fulfilling its function as a guardian of child welfare. The high percentage of serious defects among our pupils indicates an alarming condition, and should prompt the district to do its full duty in helping these little men and women to prepare for life's battle without the handicap of remediable deficiencies. Following is a summary of inspection :

Examiner, A. E. Grant, M. D. (School year 1920.)

No. of pupils examined—42

No. of teachers examined—2

Number of cases found by examiner : Mal-nutrition
4. Defective vision 8. Defective hearing 4. Anaemia
4. Skin disease 1. Hypertrophical tonsils 22. Defect-
ive teeth 33. Adenoids 4. Defects of breathing 1. En-
larged glands 1. Unvaccinated without proper excuse 18.
Tonicitis 3.

Parents were notified of these defects, and the Health Officer was informed concerning the cases coming under his jurisdiction. Cooperation on the part of the parents in the remedying of the indicated defects would not only confer a lasting blessing upon the afflicted child, but would also react to promote better attendance at school and higher accomplishment in the class room.

SCHOOL CENSUS SEPTEMBER 30, 1920.

Whole number of children between 5 and 16 years of age.

Boys 40. Girls 26.

| | |
|--|----|
| Total..... | 66 |
| Number registered in public schools | 54 |
| Number registered in high schools outside of town... | 3 |
| Number registered in private schools | 4 |
| Number attending elementary schools out of town... | 2 |
| Number attending schools..... | 63 |
| Number of children accounted for | 66 |
| Number registered from other towns | 2 |
| Number not in school | 5 |
| Number of illiterate children 10 to 16 years of age... | 0 |
| Number excused from school attendance on account of mental or physical disability | 0 |

Number of defective children..... 0

The registration for the fall term of 1920 was as follows :

| <i>School</i> | <i>Grades</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Total |
|---------------|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Center | | 6 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | — 30 |
| North | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 9 | | 2 | — 23 |

Total by grades 8 10 6 5 6 13 1 4 — 53

Promotion, Retardation, and Loss Table, June 1920.

| <i>Grades</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Total |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|---|-------|
| No. promoted.. | 7 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 3 | — 42 |
| Not promoted.. | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | — 4 |
| Left school ... | | | | | | | | 2 | — 2 |

Totals 7 8 2 8 11 2 3 7 — 48

AGE-GRADE TABLE, JUNE, 1920

| Age..... | Grades | | | | | | | | Totals |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| under 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| 5-6 | 3 | | | | | | | | 3 |
| 6-7 | 4 | 0 | | | | | | | 4 |
| 7-8 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 6 |
| 8-9 | | 3 | 1 | 0 | | | | | 4 |
| 9-10 | | 1 | | 3 | 4 | | | | 8 |
| 10-11 | | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | 5 |
| 11-12 | | | | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 10 |
| 12-13 | | | | | 2 | | | 2 | 4 |
| 13-14 | | | | | | | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 14-15 | | | | | | | | 1 | 11 |
| Total by Grades | 9 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 50 |
| % Over Age | 67 | 100 | 50 | 83 | 63 | 33 | 20 | 63 | 64 |

Figures in heavy type denote normal ages.

MADBURY ATTENDANCE TABLE 1919—20.

| | |
|---|-------|
| Whole number of pupils (Boys 33. Girls 26) | 59 |
| Number of pupils over 16 years of age | 0 |
| Number of pupils between 5 and 16 | 59 |
| Number of pupils between 5 and 8 | 11 |
| Number of pupils between 8 and 14 | 42 |
| Total average attendance | 44.27 |
| Total average absence | 5.29 |
| Total average membership | 49.59 |
| Per cent. of daily attendance | 86 |
| Number of pupils not absent or tardy | 1 |
| Number of tardinesses | 101 |
| Average of tardinesses | 2.04 |
| Number of visits of parents and others | 86 |
| Number of Superintendent's visits | 49 |
| Number of days lost on account of bad weather, etc. | 11 |

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

Melville Clark

The particular disgrace brought upon our schools last year was the lack of respect for the law of school attendance and the laxity of parental discipline manifested by those whose duty it was to place pupils in school at the beginning of the session. We do not need to concern ourselves over the Bolshevik alien in our large cities so much as we should the lack of respect for law and order in our own citizen-group. The average attendance of all the pupils in the State last year was 91.6 per cent. Think of the number of rural schools situated among the mountains and along wretched country roads, and then contrast the above figures with the record of Madbury schools, 86 per cent., remembering that nearly all pupils

have the advantage of good highways and many are conveyed in comfortable vehicles. The tardiness record is worse than the absence percentage for there may be a good reason for an absence but there usually is none for a tardiness. The State average per pupil tardiness was 00.3. Madbury's average is 2.04.

It is regretable that our attendance record is so low.

The aid of parents is earnestly solicited to improve this record. There is usually no reason for pupils being tardy except poor control by the parent over the child. It is a parental duty to respect the State law which requires a pupil to be in an assigned school "All the time the school is in session." If a school session opens at 9.00 A. M. and a pupil is not present until 9.01 A. M., a law of the State and of parental discipline has been violated.

LAW OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

SECT. 14. "Every person having the custody and control of a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, or of a child under the age of sixteen years, unless such child shall have completed the course of study prescribed for the elementary school, residing in a school district in which a public school is annually taught, shall cause such child to attend the public school all the time such school is in session. Unless the child be excused by the school board of the district because his physical or mental condition is such to prevent his attendance at school approved by the school board for a number of weeks equal to that in which the public school was in session in the common English branches, or, having acquired these branches, in other more advanced studies. Any person who does not comply with the requirements of this chapter shall be fined ten dollars for the first offence and twenty dollars for every subsequent offence for the use of the district."

Provided, however, that any person having the custody and control of a child may apply to the state superintendent of public instruction

for relief whenever such person deems it to be against the moral or physical welfare of such child to attend the particular school required by law, and thereupon, after notice to the school board of the district in which such child is required to attend school, the state superintendent of public instruction may order such child to attend another school in the district, in which case the district in which such child resides shall pay to the district in which such child attends school tuition not to exceed the average cost per child of instruction for the regularly employed teachers and the cost of text books, supplies and apparatus for such school as such attendance shall continue, may permit such child to withdraw from school attendance for such time as he may deem necessary or proper, or make such other order or orders with respect to the attendance of such child at school as in his judgment the circumstances require, and provided further, that whenever it shall appear to the superintendent of schools, or if there is no superintendent, a majority of the members of the school board shall make recommendation to the state superintendent of public instruction who shall if the facts warrant it make an order exempting such child from attendance for such period of time as seems best for the interest of such child; and provided further, that upon the written request or the parent or guardian, any child doing approved work in school shall be excused for a part of the session on stated days for the purpose of receiving private instruction in music.

MEASUREMENTS

In line with recent investigation of a diagnostic character the work of the class room has been subjected to comparison with standardized scales or measures which give a more accurate criterion by which to pass upon the achievement of the pupil than would be obtained if the merit of the work were judged by the opinion of the teachers or the superintendent. The application of these scales is of great value in grouping more accurately those pupils whose achievements show that they should work together.

The Woody tests, series B, in Arithmetic and the Adams tests in Reading revealed the following achievements.

| Grade | Achievement | Addition | Subtraction | Multiplication | Division | Reading | Speed | Comprehension |
|-------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------------|----------|----------|-------|---------------|
| 2 | Mediam | 8 | 4 | | | Average | 90.7 | 14 |
| | Standard | 4.5 | 3 | | | Standard | 95. | 15 |
| 3 | Mediam | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | Average | | |
| | Standard | 9 | 6 | 3.5 | 3 | Standard | 145 | 22 |
| 4 | Mediam | 12.5 | 8 | 10 | 7 | Average | 129 | 29 |
| | Standard | 11 | 8 | 7 | 5 | Standard | 165 | 30 |
| 5 | Mediam | 13.5 | 9.5 | 10.8 | 8.3 | Average | 164 | |
| | Standard | 14 | 10 | 11 | 7. | Standard | 180 | 36 |
| 6 | Mediam | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | Average | 197 | 40 |
| | Standard | 16 | 12 | 15 | 10 | Standard | 200 | 40 |
| 7 | Mediam | 15 | 11 | 13 | 12 | Average | | |
| | Standard | 18 | 13 | 17 | 13 | Standard | 220 | 45 |
| 8 | Mediam | 17 | 13 | 16 | 12.5 | Average | 240 | |
| | Standard | 18.5 | 14.5 | 18 | 14 | Standard | 250 | 50 |

It will be noted that the grades conform closely to standards in general, but the seventh and eighth grades were below standard in Arithmetic, and all were below in Reading. The diagnostic value of these and similar tests is readily seen and the deduction is that teachers should familiarize themselves with scientific methods of measuring achievements of classes in order to study the results with a view of correcting revealed deficiencies. As guardians of our schools, we should encourage our teachers, in every possible way, to take advantage of opportunities of reading and study, especially by summer school attendance.

PER PUPIL COST.

In view of the general conversation regarding the increase in cost of maintaining governmental functions, educational expenses should receive a close scrutiny, although the need and not the expense should be the first consideration in dealing with so fundamental a function as training future citizens. Alertness is necessary to avert the menace of ignorance which, unacquainted with the ideals, methods, programs or results of our educational system, seeks by misrepresentation of facts to discredit school officials and to deprive our boys and girls of the benefits of a modern education. While the cost of materials and labor in the business world has increased nearly or quite 100 per cent. in the last few years, it is interesting to learn from the State Commissioner of Education that, in spite of the rise in the rates for fuel, transportation and school supplies, the elementary school expense has increased only 21 per cent. The current expense per pupil average membership in the elementary day schools of the State last year was \$59.77. The corresponding cost for Madbury was \$51.97. Madbury is to be congratulated upon a wise and capable Board of Education whose members are administering their trust with fidelity and with efficiency.

CONCLUSION.

Your Superintendent is deeply appreciative of the sympathetic cooperation of interested parents and citizens, and of the courteous endorsement by your Board of the plans for the development of our school system.

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN O. WELLMAN,
Superintendent of Schools.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Year Ending December 31, 1920.

BIRTHS.

- May 3. Ida Rossie, daughter of John Rossie and Rosa Aimar of Italy.
- Aug. 9. James A. Crockett, son of Dana Crockett of Caribou, Me., and Mabel A. Price of Red Rapids, N. B.
- Sept. 17. Charles W. Colprit, son of Ernest S. Colprit of Madbury, N. H., and Helen A. Woodman of Northwood, N. H.
- Oct. 22. Anna M. Hopey, daughter of Walter C. Hopey of Madbury, N. H., and Bessie Burdeen of Dover, N. H.

MARRIAGES.

- Feb. 20. Joseph A. Boyd, age 18 years, son of Joseph Boyd and Abbie E. Boyd of Madbury, N. H. and Catherine R. Lougee of Milton, N. H., age 18 years, daughter of William S. Lougee and Mabel R. Lougee of Milton, N. H.

- March 6. George Austin Brown, age 22 years, son of Thomas Frank Brown of Madbury, N. H., and Mary Susan Brown of Barrington, N. H., and Dorothy Blanch Mooney of Dover, N. H., age 18 years, daughter of Fred Mooney and Lillian Chase of Dover, N. H.
- Aug. 31. Frank J. Beemis, age 49 years, son of Osgood Beemis and Hattie L. Houlton of Marlboro, N. H., and Alice Irene Russell of Haverhill, Mass., age 31 years, daughter Walter L. Houghton of North Plymouth, Mass., and Nellie M. Tobey of Kittery Point, Me.

DEATHS.

- Mar. 12. Emeline A. Hoitt, age 86 years and 6 months. Widow of the late Hatyville Hoitt.
- Apr. 10. Walter E. Pratt, age 32 years, 11 months and 23 days. Son of George I. Pratt and Bessie A. Wilson.
- June 8. Ivory H. Kelley, age 82 years, 2 months and 22 days. Son of Captain William Kelley and Pemelia Demeritt.

